WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

NLCPR and NEC schemes

3796. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to open the State-wise wings to deal with the matters relating to NLCPR and NEC schemes to quickly resolve the procedural paraphernalia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the alternatives, if any; and

(d) the steps to be initiated by the Ministry to dispel all sorts of barriers in the way in the sanctioning and completion of schemes?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, a Nodal Officer has been designated for each North Eastern State for coordination and follow-up on State specific issues including NLCPR. Work relating to NEC is also allocated to designated officials. NEC has initiated the process to strengthen Planning Departments of the NE State which are the nodal agencies dealing with NEC matters. The procedure for appraisal and sanction of NEC projects is done as guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance.

NERAMAC projects in NER

3797. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects run by the North Eastern Region Agricultural and Marketing Corporation in different States of the North-East;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pine-apple juice concentration plant at Nalkata of Tripura has been on the wane;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the pineapple producers of Tripura cannot have remunerative prices for pineapple producers of Tripura